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SUBJECT: NEW LATIN AMERICAN - ARAB ORGANIZATION IN SAO PAULO

1. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, NOVEMBER 22 REPORTED ALLEGED
DECISION OF PANAMERICAN-ARAB CONGRESS, MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES
OCTOBER 14-19, TO ESTABLISH SAO PAULO AS HEADQUARTERS FOR
"FEDERATION OF ARAB ENTITIES OF THE AMERICAS" ("FEARAB-AMERICA"),
AN ORGANIZATION TO BE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR
MOBILIZING ARAB COLONIES IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE IN SUPPORT
OF THE ARAB CAUSE AND SERVING AS COORDINATOR BETWEEN THESE
COLONIES AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES. O ESTADO'S SOURCE IS STATE-
MENT WHICH FIRST APPEARED IN A BRAZILIA COMMERCIAL JOURNAL
NOVEMBER 21 BY A BRAZILIAN-ARAB REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BUENOS
AIRES CONFERENCE, MR. AREF ASSREUY, WHO IS A BRASILIA
BUSINESSMAN. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO RE-WRITE, THE FEDERATION
WILL BE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTENSIFYING CULTURAL
AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES OF ARAB COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE
THROUGH THE CREATION OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN EACH LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRY. THE CONGRESS REPORTEDLY ALSO RESOLVED TO
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CREATE PROPAGANDA, TOURISM AND INFORMATION AGENCIES;

PUBLISH NEWSLETTERS AND MAGAZINES; AND INSTALL ARAB SCHOOLS IN LATIN AMERICA. ANOTHER RESOLUTION REPORTEDLY ALSO CALLS FOR CREATION OF ARAB BANKS, INVESTMENT AND INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AS WELL AS FRIENDSHIP HOUSES WHICH WILL SELECT LATIN AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TO BE INVITED TO VISIT ARAB COUNTRIES.

2. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO ARTICLE, THE BUENOS AIRES CONGRESS FORMULATED ITS DECISION TO CREATE FEARAB AS MEANS TO CONTER-ACT ISRAELI POLITICAL AND PROPAGANDA SUCCESS IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. JORNAL DA TARDE RAN VIGOROUS EDITORIAL AGAINST FEARAB RESOLUTION ON NOVEMBER 23 ENTITLED "DECISION WHICH BRAZIL CANNOT ACCEQT". IN ITS SALIENT PART THE EDITORIAL CHARGED THAT "(ARAB TERRORISTS) HAVE COMMITTED BARBAROUS ACTS OF TERRORISM WHICH HAVE INCLUDED MURDER OF ISOLATED ISRAELI CITIEZENS AND SEIZURE OF AIRPLANES TRANSPORTED TO DESERTS AND ESTROYED WITH VERY SERIOUS THREATS TO LIVES AND SECURITY OF PASSENGERS." JORNAL'S EDITORIAL EMPHASIZES THAT THE CREAION OF AN ARAB COORDINATING MECHANISM IN SAO PAULO WILL DESTROY SPIRIT OF MUTUAL SELF-RESPECT AND TRUST WHCIH HAS PREVAILED UNTIL NOW BETWEEN ARAB AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES HERE. WHILE ADMITTING TO A BIAS IN FAVOR OF ISRAEL IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT, THE NEWSPAPER STATES THAT ITS IMPLACABLE OPPOSITION TO CREATION OF AN ARAB POLITICAL AND PROPAGANDA HEADQUARTERS IN SAO PAULO IS DICTATED NOT BY ANY PREJUDICE AGAINST ARABS BUT "OUT OF A FEELING OF LOVE FOR BRAZIL AND THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN ITS ARAB AND JEWISH COMMUNITIES.

4. COMMENT: CONGEN SHARES O ESTADO'S - JORNAL'S STRONGLY IMPLIED CONCERN THAT THE REPORTED DECISION TO CREAZE AN ARAB POLITICAL PROPAGANDA ENTITY IN SAO PAULO COULD SERVE AS COVER BY ARAB TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS TO CARRY OUT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN BRAZIL. USCH A MOVE COULD ADD A SERIOUS NEW DIMENSION TO OUR OWN SECURITY PROBLEM IN AO PAULO/
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